

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY TO
KAREN PETROSYAN

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to wish a very happy belated birthday to Karen Petrosyan, son of my good friend Vladimir Petrosyan. Karen celebrated his 19th birthday on March 14.

Karen is known for his loyalty to friends and his commitment to his family, a warm smile and good sense of humor. Karen is an excellent student currently studying in Seattle, Washington. Vladimir tells me that very early in life, Karen displayed a rigorous intellect and good judgment. When not absorbed in academics, Karen enjoys sports, particularly basketball.

For these reasons and more, I would like to extend the warmest best wishes to Karen Petrosyan for whom the future holds great promise.

A TRIBUTE TO U.S. ARMY
CAPTAIN DAVID ROZELLE

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize U.S. Army Captain David Rozelle for his brave service to our country. Captain Rozelle, of the 3rd Armored Cavalry, was injured in June 2003 while serving in Hit, Iraq. His Humvee hit an anti-tank mine, which severely injured his right foot and leg and later had to be amputated. Captain Rozelle earned the Bronze Star with Valor and the Purple Heart for his bravery and courage through this trying ordeal.

Captain Rozelle returns to active duty in Iraq this month as the first amputee in recent history to reenter the battlefield. Captain Rozelle suffered through many months of rehabilitation and has recently released a book describing his trials called *Back in Action: An American Soldier's Story of Courage, Faith and Fortitude*.

Captain Rozelle, now 32 years old, grew up in Texas with his parents John and Judy Rozelle. Always an active athlete, he graduated from Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina, where he left the football team to participate in the Army ROTC program. His wife, Kim, and 18-month old son Forrest are currently residing in Colorado.

Captain Rozelle is a man worthy of great honor. He has overcome many challenges through his recovery from his injury and his strength and courage is shown in his willingness to return to the same battlefield where he was first injured. I hope all our colleagues will join in honoring and thanking Captain Rozelle for his valiant service to our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES
MCMANUS AND THE MCMANUS
DEMOCRATIC ASSOCIATION ON
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of James McManus, a tireless public servant, legendary New Yorker and very good friend of mine. Additionally, I am pleased to offer my warmest wishes to the McManus Democratic Association for another year of outstanding service to New York City residents.

St. Patrick's Day is a time when Americans of all ethnicities gather with friends and relatives to have fun and to celebrate the Irish-American community's many contributions to our nation and culture. On this happy occasion, it is fitting to honor Jim McManus, who has never forgotten his Irish roots and who continues to be the driving force behind one of New York City's most effective public service organizations.

The McManus family has been a fixture of New York City politics for more than one hundred years. For the past three decades, Mr. McManus has been an advocate, ombudsman and friend to residents of midtown Manhattan. It is a testament to Jim McManus's leadership that the McManus Democratic Association is just as vibrant and strong an organization as when his great-uncle Thomas founded it.

Throughout his career, Mr. McManus has strived to strengthen the McManus Association's tradition as a center of service to the community. The Association's dedication to public service is perhaps best demonstrated by its efforts to welcome immigrants to New York and help them integrate into the life of the City. Mr. McManus has organized citizenship drives and helped immigrants prepare to take the test to become American citizens—so that they can take full advantage of the benefits and responsibilities of living in the United States.

The McManus Association, an active social-service organization, has also conducted registration drives that have helped thousands of New Yorkers register to vote; works with seniors who are having difficulty finding housing; helps its members locate jobs, educational opportunities and better medical care; and strives to promote the interests of working-class New Yorkers through collective action. Furthermore, the Association has made a longstanding commitment to young New Yorkers, introducing students to the political process and to government service.

I commend James McManus for his lifelong dedication to improving the well-being of New York City residents. Time and again, the McManus Association exemplifies the notion that we work best when we work together.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to James McManus and the McManus Democratic Association. To Mr. McManus and the dedicated professionals, volunteers and friends of the McManus Association, I offer my continuing admiration, respect and support.

HONORING EUGENE PARKS

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of a remarkable citizen, Mr. Eugene Parks of Madison, Wisconsin.

Eugene Parks was a complicated man who confronted complicated issues head on, no holds barred. He was the outspoken conscience of our community and he wasn't afraid to remind us of our shortcomings. He is remembered as a man who worked passionately against the racism and injustice he saw and felt in our community and in the world. "As a black man," he told his nephew, "you aren't going to be heard unless you say it like you mean it." Gene Parks was never afraid to say it and he always, always, meant it.

Most important, no matter how contentious his relationship with his community and its government, Gene never abandoned either. As Madison's first African-American alderman, Gene was a role model and catalyst for change by the age of 21. Decades later, as the city's first African-American candidate for mayor, he showed the same commitment to civic responsibility.

Most in our city knew Gene as a firebrand, but he was also a devoted father, a music lover, and even an actor. I still have the Playbill from a UW-Madison Theatre Department production of the musical "Finnian's Rainbow" in which I was a five year old member of the chorus and Gene Parks played a lead role.

I think Gene would have been humbled by the many heartfelt tributes and the overflow crowd at his memorial service in Madison's Memorial High School auditorium. Our city was shaken by the depth of the void left by his passing.

Of all the descriptors by which we remember Gene Parks, there is none more accurate nor more honorable than that of "citizen."

Thank you, Gene.

LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE DEBT
COLLECTION

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce important legislation that will improve the way the Federal government collects delinquent non-tax debts.

This legislation would amend the Debt Collection Act to eliminate the 10-year limitation on the collection of delinquent federal debts through the Treasury Offset Program, which is maintained by the Financial Management Service at the U.S. Department of the Treasury. A request for this legislation was transmitted as part of President Bush's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget request. It is estimated that this provision would return \$6 million to the Treasury in the first year of implementation, and at least \$11 million each year thereafter.

Non-tax debt would include defaulted loans or overpayments to vendors. Under current law, the only type of non-tax debt not subject